

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE PATRICIA BLEVINS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Patricia Blevins of the Delaware State Senate, this year's recipient of Special Recognition from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network for her efforts to champion small business growth in Delaware.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Senator Blevins' efforts and guidance, she has distinguished herself as a leader in the promotion of small business growth in Delaware.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small business community to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Senator Blevins by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Senator Blevins' accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have place Delaware's business community in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success in her efforts.

HONORING ANNE TRAFICANTE

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Anne Traficante, a great Floridian, a caring wife and mother, and a noted political activist. Mrs. Traficante was no stranger to the political arena, and her contributions on behalf of the citizens of Sunrise and all of South Florida will not be forgotten.

Traficante first got involved in local advocacy in the mid-1970s when she and her husband first relocated to the South Florida region. A dedicated activist, Traficante steadfastly worked to fight for important measures that were of great concern to her and her community. In a 1992 interview, she said, "I have to get up and chastise and criticize and fight for what I believe is right. It's something that has to be done, and I get up to do it."

Many of Mrs. Traficante's efforts focused on aiding her fellow senior citizens. She successfully fought for weather shelters at bus stops in Sunrise, lobbied the city to create a senior living center, and in the wake of Hurricane An-

drew's destruction she went so far as to criticize city commissioners for allotting \$44,806 in the budget for senior citizen parties. In addition, Mrs. Traficante volunteered her time and resources by opening a distribution center in Sunrise where hurricane victims could receive free food, baby supplies, and other items.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to stand here today and remember the life of an exemplary citizen of South Florida, one who remained devoted to her fellow neighbors and sought a better quality of life for her community. Her legacy as an ardent and accomplished political activist will last for many years to come. Mrs. Traficante is survived by her daughter, Joyce Shepard of Queens, NY, along with 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN O'DOHERTY,
PRESIDENT, CORONA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the city of Corona, CA are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated business and community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. John O'Doherty is one of these individuals. On January 11, 2003, the Corona Chamber of Commerce hosted an Installation and Awards Banquet in celebration of John's year as president.

John has been an invaluable member of the Corona Chamber of Commerce, having served as Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, president Elect and currently, as President. His commitment to involvement has set a benchmark for those who follow him. During the past year, John has presided over Board, Executive and membership meetings as well as attending almost every after-hours activity. He prides himself on being involved beyond his direct duties as President. In addition to this extensive Chamber event involvement, John became a regular at the city council meetings giving a Chamber update to the mayor and council members.

As his tenure as President, John had several noteworthy accomplishments. The Chamber grew in membership from 780 members to over 900. He also encouraged and participated in the growth and expansion of Chamber events such as Good Morning Corona which grew to an average attendance in excess of 100 and quarterly Membership Meeting Luncheons, which hit the all time high this year with over 320 members in attendance. Committee growth was also a legacy of this fine leader and under his tutelage, many Committees were motivated to reach landmark per-

formance goals. The Chamber also reintroduced the Five P.M. Christmas Holiday, expanded the scope of the Business Expo and finely tuned the Ambassadors, who assisted many businesses in grand openings, open houses and ground breaking ceremonies.

Under John's exemplary leadership, the Chamber was a visible participant in the annual Corona Beautiful program, run through the City of Corona's Economic and Redevelopment Department. He also oversaw a very successful Casino Night which raised proceeds that went to scholarships for high school students in the local area. The Chamber also hosted a very successful 13th Annual Corona Night with the Anaheim Angels.

John has set a standard for excellence and commitment that will be difficult to duplicate. John's diligent work as the President of the Corona Chamber of Commerce has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the city of Corona. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the members of the Chamber are grateful for his service and salute him as his term comes to an end. I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of our community.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO
EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
SUPPORT OF FEDERAL AND
STATE FUNDED IN-HOME CARE
FOR THE ELDERLY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support of Federal and State funded in-home care for the elderly. This legislation essentially highlights the inadequacies seniors face with electing in-home care. By increasing financial assistance for in-home care, establishing fee payment guidelines, implementing better schooling for in-home aides, and assembling a supervisory board of care givers, we can help to ensure that the quality of care elderly receive in home is as adequate as hospitalized attention.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important resolution for two crucial reasons. First, it allows the elderly to remain independent and sustain viability during the last years of their life. Supporting studies show that seniors who receive in-home care have greater life expectancies than seniors who are moved from everything that is familiar to them and placed in nursing homes. Second, this resolution would encourage increase employment opportunities in the nursing and in-home care industries. By implementing government funded in-home care to equal that of nursing home care, more seniors will elect being nursed at home, which in turn increases job opportunities. All of which we

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can achieve through raising the quality of in-home care.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. As members of Congress we have a great opportunity to make a positive impact on this issue, an issue that is of concern to many of our grandparents, parents, and will be of concern to us. I look forward to working with my colleagues and moving this resolution forward.

IN HONOR OF BANK ONE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bank One, this year's recipient of the Delaware Small Business Champion Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Bank One's teamwork and guidance, it has distinguished itself as a leader in the promotion of small business growth in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small business community to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Bank One by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Bank One's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed this institution in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend Bank One on its receipt of this award and wish it continued success.

HONORING ANTHONY CANNESTRO

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Anthony Cannestro, an effective union leader, a loving family man, and a great citizen of Florida. Born originally in Newark, NJ, Cannestro entered the U.S. Navy and later became a machinist. In 1958, Cannestro and his wife of 49 years, Mary, relocated to South Florida.

Mr. Cannestro will long be remembered for his tireless efforts in establishing and running Teamsters Local 769. Cannestro was a key member of the original group that first organized workers, and he soon became the Local's vice president. In 1973, as a resident of the Fort Lauderdale and Cooper City area, he was asked to assume the presidency of the union by his fellow Teamsters, and he remained the union's boss until he retired in 1999.

Mr. Cannestro was often regarded as one of Florida's more powerful voices in the orga-

nized labor movement for the better part of 40 years, wielding his influence from the state capital on down to local city councils. During his time as president of Local 769, the Teamsters successfully unionized local government employees, construction and building employees, airline workers, and more employees from numerous trades. Cannestro's effective organizing tactics landed him a post on the Georgia-Florida Conference of Teamsters where he contributed to an important regional dialogue on the Teamsters and its presence in the Southeastern portion of the country.

In addition to his work with the Teamsters, Mr. Cannestro volunteered his time to many charitable groups, including serving as general chairman of the Boys Town of Italy. He also served locally for the American Red Cross and raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a special occasion to honor Mr. Cannestro. His earnest efforts in South Florida to afford his fellow union members common sense worker protections and to raise the standard of living serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Cannestro is survived by his wife Mary, of Lady Lake, and four children, Ginny of Dania Beach, Anthony Jr. of Navarre Beach, Michael of West Palm Beach, and Nicholas of Dania Beach. Mr. Cannestro also is survived by 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDUCATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the White House has abruptly ended the brief era of bi-partisan cooperation on the vital issue of education. In his recent budget message the President halts the six year pattern of increases for education. Private school vouchers are returned to the federal policy agenda through the proposal of a 75 million dollar funding initiative. HeadStart is threatened with obliteration through the combination of a freeze on funding and the transfer of this successful child development program to the limited confines of the Department of Education. And finally, the administration has not continued the 1.2 billion dollars in funding for school repairs which was introduced in the last year of the Clinton administration. Only for charter schools is there a recognized need for school construction and modernization—100 million dollars is provided. Meanwhile, the overcrowding and unhealthy conditions persist in schools serving the poorest children throughout the nation. Without adequate facilities and other vital education resources, No Child Left Behind becomes a fraudulent and deceptive piece of legislation. The following rap poem sums up the spirit of this rapidly deteriorating situation.

CROWD THE CHILDREN IN

No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never win.
No Child Left Behind
The budget is unkind
An increase of billions
They promised—
A bold elephant fable,
A decrease by millions
Placed on the table.

Under funding catastrophe
Lurking in the wind,
Carefully covered sin,
Regally wrapped spin,
Cutbacks cover the table.
On the made in White House label
Read progress,
Camouflage the big mess,
Public relations success.
No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never Win.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID P. ZAPPE, CIVIL ENGINEER OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. David Zappe is one of these individuals. This year David will retire from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District after providing more than 33 years of loyal, consciences and outstanding engineering and management service period.

A native born Californian, David attended public schools in Riverside and Palm Springs, California. In 1969 he graduated from California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, California with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As a student he was a member of the Engineer Honorary Fraternity, Sigma Phi Alpha.

After his graduation David was employed by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as a Junior Engineer. He was quickly promoted to Associate Civil and Senior Civil Engineer position. As Senior Civil Engineer, David supervised the District's Project Planning Section. In 1983 David was promoted to the position of Flood Control Principal Engineer, with the responsibility for management of the Administrative Division, one of five divisions in the District. In 1992, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer and was responsible for coordination of District activities involving the District's six division and other governmental and private entities in the execution of the District's mission. In 1996 David was promoted to the position of General Manager-Chief Engineer.

The Riverside County Flood and Water Conservation District presently employees a staff of approximately 175, forty of which are graduate engineers and thirty eight are registered civil engineers in the State of California. Under David's exemplary leadership the District continues to pursue an aggressive effort to design and construct needed flood control infrastructure.

In addition to his degree in Civil Engineering, David completed the Advanced Management Program and the Executive Management Program at the University of California, Riverside. He has been a registered Civil Engineer